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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to inform you I am lending my support to the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice regarding the antitrust suit. I believe that is suit has brought about the stagnated state of our economy and particularly the IT industry. It is necessary that the settlement is dealt with the way it is, rather than continuing litigation.

This suit has been going on for the past three years. To continue any further litigation means a further delay in the revival of the economy and the industry. The settlement is fair and reasonable and was arrived after extensive negotiations. Not settling the case now will mean additional atrophy of time and money.

I strongly recommend that you finalize this settlement, and help to ensure the renaissance of our economy and industry. This unfair use of the American taxpayers' money cannot continue any further. To prevent this from continuing, all proceedings at the federal level must be stopped

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David Ogles
President